

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please replace the paragraphs beginning at page 1, line 6 through page 1, line 13 with the following rewritten paragraphs.

**~~TECHNICAL~~ FIELD OF THE INVENTION**

The present invention relates to a reciprocating seal used, for example, for a shock absorber.

**BACKGROUND ~~ART~~ OF THE INVENTION**

A reciprocating seal of this kind has been conventionally known that is used for a shock absorber mounted in an automobile and the like.

Please replace the line beginning at page 4, line 18, with the following rewritten line.

**~~DISCLOSURE~~ SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION**

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 8 through page 6, line 8 with the following rewritten paragraph.

~~BEST MODE FOR CARRYING OUT THE INVENTION~~ DETAILED  
DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 9, line 27 through page 10, line 1 with the following rewritten paragraph.

Further, the plurality of protrusions 34 are so constructed as to ~~extent~~ extend in the direction of the shaft.